

**TOWN OF**

**DARIEN, CONNECTICUT**

**EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN**

**ANNEX "M"**

**DAMAGE ASSESSMENT**

Approved By:

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## DARIEN DAMAGE ASSESSMENT ANNEX

### **I. AUTHORITY**

Authority for this Annex is contained in the Darien Emergency Operations Plan (EOP); Title 28, Chapter 517 of the Connecticut General Statutes as amended; and such Executive Orders and Town Ordinances as may be applicable.

### **II. MISSION**

- A. To maximize the survival of people, prevent and/or minimize injuries, and preserve property and resources in the town or relocation area by making use of all available manpower, equipment, and other resources in the event of natural or human caused disasters affecting the town.
- B. To compile and maintain current replacement cost figures on all local construction to include buildings, roads, bridges and dams.
- C. To develop cost estimates of all damage, which occurs as a result of natural, or human caused disasters.
- D. To report detailed damage assessment data to higher authorities in accordance with state and federal directives.
- E. To report the number of people dead, injured and missing.

### **III. SITUATION**

- A. Darien is vulnerable to many types of disasters including power failure, flood/flash flood, winter storm, coastal storm, hurricane/tropical storm, highway/rail/aircraft accident, tornado, and in transit hazardous materials accident/incident.
- B. An emergency or disaster can affect the town at any time.
- C. Flooding, fallen trees and downed power lines may hamper the gathering of damage assessment data.

### **IV. ASSUMPTIONS**

- A. Timely and accurate damage assessment information is required by local, state and federal governments to effectively respond to a disaster situation.
- B. Considerable physical damage to structures and facilities usually results from any of the possible disasters mentioned above.

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- C. The extent of insurance coverage may not be readily known nor the information readily available.
- D. Current dollar values of all property in the community is readily available.
- E. Qualified personnel, i.e. Building Inspector, Assessor, Public Works Director, Fire Marshal, Realtors, contractors, bankers, builders and insurance agents are available to perform the damage assessment functions.
- F. Additional damage may become apparent as recovery operations are conducted; therefore initial, interim and final damage assessment reports will be required. Any such additional damage information should be communicated to the State Emergency Management Area Coordinator.

### V. **THE GENERAL PLAN**

#### A. Organization:

The First Selectman will designate a Damage Assessment Team(s) from personnel listed in Item IV. E., above, to perform the damage assessment function. One member of the team will be designated as Chairman.

#### B. Concept of Operations:

##### 1. Pre-Disaster Phase

The Damage Assessment Team will conduct pre-disaster replacement cost surveys, on a continuing basis, of various types of local construction, i.e. schools, churches, roads, businesses, private homes, public buildings, bridges, dams and public utilities. These replacement cost figures will assist in rapid and factual damage assessment estimates in disaster situations.

##### 2. Increased Readiness Phase

Upon recognition of, or receipt of an official alert to the possibility of an impending disaster, the Damage Assessment Team will report for duty. Damage assessment reporting procedures will be made ready.

##### 3. Emergency Phase

Upon recognition or notification of an actual emergency, the Damage Assessment Team will operate as closely as possible under daily operating procedures and responsibilities. An initial report of damage (within 24 hours) will be forwarded to assist the state in establishing priorities and to determine the need for federal assistance. Interim reports will be submitted as required.

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### 4. Recovery Phase

The Damage Assessment Team will be required to continue operations throughout the recovery phase. A final report of damage, as well as the number of person's dead, injured and missing, will be prepared and submitted as required.

### VI. **SUPPORT:** Supporting and assisting agencies include:

State Department of Transportation  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Connecticut National Guard  
Insurance Companies  
Banking Institutions  
Real Estate Appraisers

### VII. **CONTROL**

- A. The Damage Assessment Team will be under the direction of the Chairman. The Chairman shall make any assignments of responsibility necessary to accomplish the mission stated in Item II above.
- B. In order to ensure continuity in the operation of the Committee, the following line of succession shall be in effect:
  - 1. Disaster Team Chairman
  - 2. Deputy Team Chairman
  - 3. Senior Team Leader

### VIII. **ANNEX MAINTENANCE**

The Emergency Management Director is responsible for the annual review and update of this Annex.

### IX. **PROMULGATION**

This Annex will become effective upon the approval of the Emergency Management Director. When approved, this Annex will supersede any and all previously written and approved Damage Assessment Annexes.

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### Attachment 1

#### **ROSTER OF TEAM MEMBERS**

1. (AS DESIGNATED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER)
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- 3.
- 4.
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### Attachment 2